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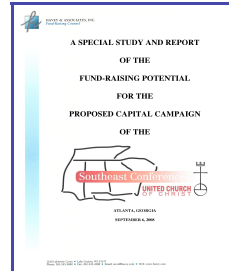
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Conference News and Announcements

The **Southeast Conference** continues its exploration of the **feasibility of a capital campaign**, and has taken the next step of engaging in an Awareness/Education phase. This will involve five meetings across the conference at which a presentation will be made, and response sought from the ministers and leaders of the churches of the Conference. Those meetings have been scheduled on Saturdays at beginning at 11:00A as follows:

- January 31, 2009 First Congregational UCC, Birmingham
- February 28, 2009 Holy Trinity Community UCC, Nashville
- March 14, 2009 Central Congregational UCC, Atlanta
- March 28, 2009 Pilgrim Congregational UCC, Chattanooga
- April 18, 2009 Midway Congregational UCC, Midway, GA



Following a presentation and discussion, there will be a lunch served. All ministers and leaders of the Conference as encouraged coming. There will be no solicitation!

The East Alabama-West Georgia Association of the Southeast Conference held its 76th Annual Meeting October 18th, hosting by **Sandy Creek UCC, Lafayette, AL**. Twenty people were present from **Lanett Congregational Christian Church, Sandy Creek, UCC, United in Columbus, and Oka Grove in Pine Mountain, GA**. The following actions and reports were received:

- Licenses for Ministry for **Jim Johnson, United Congregational Christian Church, Columbus, GA, Rip Hardman, Hugh Hogan both of Lanett Congregational Christian Church** were each renewed
- Sandy Creek UC, pastor Wayde Washburn** announced that it was initiating a special outreach to people in the area struggling with addictions. It has upgraded the facilities of the retreat center. They church is arranging to distribute food boxes to the needy for Thanksgiving.
- Lanett Congregational Christian Church, pastor Roy Bain**, shared news of its outreach to the homeless in Columbus, GA, and the vitality of its youth programming and noted that its recent rummage sale was a success.
- Oak Grove Christian UCC, Pine Mountain, GA** shared that its youth group was active although small
- United Congregational Christian Church, Columbus, GA** announced that it still meets at a Burger King about two Sundays a month, and that their building has been condemned. The Columbus Historical Foundation has expressed an interest in assuming title to the building and using it as a community center.

The Alabama-Tennessee Association held its fall meeting **October 3-4**, hosted by **United Church UCC, Huntsville**. The theme of the gathering was "Education in the Presence of God", and featured Robert Emil Koenig, formerly of the Division of Christian Education of the UCC, and Jan Resseger Minister for Public Education and Witness with Local Church Ministries of the UCC. The meeting featured workshops on the vital churches in sex education and much more. The program was dynamic and well received!

In our last e-newsletter we failed to note the new **Theology Among the People (TAP)** group organized in **Birmingham** and being led by **Dick Sales**, the founder of the TAP program. Fifteen people are enrolled from **First Congregational Christian UCC, Beloved Community UCC, and Pilgrim Congregational UCC** all of **Birmingham**.

Posted on December 4, 2008



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